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1. SUMMARY. COMMITTEE II INFORMAL WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE DEBATED STRAITS MAY 1 WITH TREND IN FAVOR OF UNIMPEDED PASSAGE. END SUMMARY.

2. STATEMENTS IN FAVOR OF UNIMPEDED PASSAGE MADE BY ARGENTINA, US, UK, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, NETHERLANDS, IRAQ, JAPAN, LIBERIA, ISRAEL, BAHAMAS, ICELAND, FRG, INDIA, SAUDI ARABIA, USSR, UKRAINE, BULGARIA, MONGOLIA, GDR AND CUBA.

3. STRONG STATEMENTS IN FAVOR OF INNOCENT PASSAGE AND AGAINST UNIMPEDED PASSAGE MADE BY CHINA, ALBANIA, YEMEN, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, PHILIPPINES, SPAIN AND OMAN. EGYPT OPPOSED OVERFLIGHT. GREECE DEFENDED INNOCENT PASSAGE.

4. CANADA, NORWAY AND CHILE CIRCULATED A MEMORANDUM OPPOSING THE APPLICATION OF A STRAITS TRANSIT REGIME TO INTERNAL WATERS.

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NORWAY ARGUED STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF UNIMPEDED TRANSIT, SPECIFICALLY

LY INCLUDING WARSHIPS, BUT SAID THE AREAS WITHIN ITS STRAIGHT BASELINES HAD BEEN DECLARED BY THE ICJ NOT TO BE INTERNATIONAL STRAITS. CANADA AND CHILE ARGUED THAT STRAITS REGIME SHOULD APPLY TO STRAITS "NORMALLY" OR "CUSTOMARILY" USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION. THE UK AND ARGENTINA OPPOSED THE EXCLUSION OF STRAITS OVERLAPPED BY INTERNAL WATERS FROM UNIMPEDED TRANSIT, AS WELL AS A LIMITATION TO STRAITS "NORMALLY" OR "CUSTOMARILY" USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION.

5. INDONESIA REFERRING TO RECENT ACCIDENTS, DISCUSSED SPECIAL POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA, AND THE CONSEQUENT NEED FOR COASTAL STATE REGULATION, WHICH NEED NOT HAMPER OR IMPEDE PASSAGE BUT DID NOT OPPOSE UNIMPEDED TRANSIT.

6. ARAB STATES AND SOVIET BLOC SPOKE IN FAVOR OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN STRAITS CONNECTING TWO PARTS OF THE HIGH SEAS AND STRAITS CONNECTING THE HIGH SEAS WITH THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF A FOREIGN STATE, WHILE ISRAEL AND FRG OPPOSED THE DISTINCTION.ABRAMS

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